

Project Update: July 2005

The team continues with the intense fieldwork at Puerto Quequén, Argentina as part of the program of observers on board. We recorded abundance and diversity data about the flock of seabirds associated to the ship in every haul we are able to attend. We also registered incidental capture of Great Shearwaters (*Puffinus gravis*) and Magellanic Penguin (*Spheniscus magellanicus*). The captures of both species have been recorded at the past year. Some of these results were presented in the 19th Annual Meeting of the Society for Conservation Biology in Brasilia, Brazil at last July.

On the other hand, we organized a course for educators about the importance of using the sea as an education tool, emphasizing on the ecological relevance of the seabirds and provided techniques to introduce the student to the problems of conservation. The course was supported by the Municipality of Necochea. We worked jointly with education and communication professionals. The course was attended during May 27th and 28th and had an audience of 25-30 teachers.